

REMARKS

No amendments to the claims are proposed or effected herein.

Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 17 and 19 – 22 are pending in this case.

Paragraph No.: 2 of the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance indicates that “The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 – 7, 9 – 17, 21 and 22.”.

The Notice of Allowance is silent as to the condition or status of claims 19 and 20.

The Applicants note that, in the Office Action mailed 4 May 2005, dependent claim 19 was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form, and dependent claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). In the Amendment filed by the Applicants in response to the Office Action mailed 4 May 2005, claim 19 was amended to depend from independent claim 22, and claim 20 remained in its original form, depending from independent claim 12.

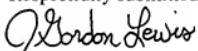
Inasmuch as independent claims 12 and 22 are presently allowed, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19 and 20 should also be designated as allowed.

Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Notice of Allowance be corrected to reflect that dependent claims 19 and 20 are also allowed.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.: 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,



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